

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SWIC)
EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)**

November 14, 2013

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Room 130

Indianapolis, IN

Present: Dan Clark, Derek Redelman, Tim Skinner

Conference Call: Rebecca Nickoli

Absent: Dennis Rohrs, Leroy Jackson

Also present from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): Marie Mackintosh, Brenda Johnson, Keith Chandler, Amanda Brewer, Cory Mahon, Melinda McKinney, and Donna Lovelady.

At 8:48 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dan Clark.

The September 12, 2013 meeting minutes* were reviewed. Derek Redelman noted that a sentence needed to be corrected. Mr. Redelman moved to accept the minutes as amended; Tim Skinner seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

High School Equivalency Assessment – TASC – Policy and Diploma Review

Cory Mahon, Assessments Manager for Adult Education, led the discussion of the TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion) policy draft*.

Discussion: Eligibility

Derek Redelman suggested removal of the final bulleted point: “At least sixteen (16) years of age, if a superintendent recommends that the individual participate in the testing programs.” Mr. Redelman stated that the 16-year-old is covered in the third bulleted point: “Has officially exited high school.”

Discussion: Pre-Existing HSEA Scores

It was noted that due to the increased rigor of TASC, previous HSEA scores cannot be combined with TASC scores to earn a credential.

Dan Clark asked about the availability of a free online practice test. Ms. Mackintosh replied that the practice test for TASC costs \$10; DWD will use adult education funding toward the cost of offering the practice test to students.

At this point, Marie Mackintosh suggested waiting until the December ERC meeting to vote on this policy, when the cut score recommendations will be available. The committee members agreed to hold the vote for a month.

Marie Mackintosh distributed a sample of the diploma that will be earned upon passing the TASC. The certificate will be referred to as a “diploma” in accordance with Indiana Code 22-4.1-18. Security measures have been implemented in order to recognize forgeries.

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Derek Redelman asked if higher education in the state has been kept up to date on changes. Marie Mackintosh stated that DWD is working with its marketing team to disperse information.

(Dan Lewis of CTB/McGraw-Hill joined the meeting via telephone.)

- Cut scores are being developed to meet national standards.
- If a student passes each subtest, CTB considers it a passing test overall; individual states may set additional requirements.
- The test is designed so approximately 60% of graduating high school seniors could pass all five tests.
 - Indiana may see an initial decrease in the passing rate due to the increased rigor of TASC over the GED Tests.
 - CTB will monitor the changes in the pass rate. A major drop in the pass rate would trigger a review of the norm referencing for the GED tests and the TASC.
- Cut scores
 - Derek Redelman asked if states using the TASC have common cut scores and do the states have input on what these scores are. Ms. Mackintosh said that CTB gives a recommendation and the ERC will decide for Indiana.
 - Ms. Mackintosh said that DWD will share the current GED requirements with CTB to correlate scores.
 - Ms. Mackintosh stated that there must be a balance between rigor and accessibility; DWD will work with the Indiana Department of Education on this.

INTraining Update

Keith Chandler presented the site visit report for Workplace Safety Training*. The staff of DWD recommended approval of Workplace Safety Training as a provider. Derek Redelman moved to accept the staff recommendation to approve Workplace Safety Training as a provider; Dan Clark seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

Next Steps

The TASC cut scores will be available at the December 19, 2013 meeting. The committee will vote on the policy for the assessment test at that time.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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